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MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

8:45 – 9:15 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND WELCOME COFFEE**

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. **OPENING ADDRESSES**

Michele Valensise, Secretary General, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Italy)

Ferdinando Nelli Feroci, President, Institute of International Affairs (Italy)

9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Session One

THE EUROPEAN CRISIS: THE EUROZONE'S FUTURE AND THE EUROPEAN UNION'S ROLE IN GLOBAL GOVERNANCE

Guiding Questions: How is the EU economy performing? How critical is the Eurozone to the stability of the global economy? How can the EU maintain influence in a changing global economic order? How effectively can the EU still use its soft power on global political and security issues?

Speakers

Lorenzo Bini Smaghi, Senior Visiting Fellow, Institute of International Affairs (Italy)

Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the EU Foreign Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies (Belgium)

Susan Schadler, Senior Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation (Canada)

Ulrike Gueròt, Senior Policy Fellow and Representative for Germany, European Council on Foreign Relations (Germany)

Moderator

Ettore Greco, Director, Institute of International Affairs (Italy)

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. *Coffee Break*

11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m. Session Two

THE TRANSATLANTIC TRADE AND INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP, THE TRANS-PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP, AND THE FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE

Guiding Questions: Does the growing trend of bilateral/plurilateral free trade agreements undermine the role of the WTO? Will this shift cause universal trade agreements to be ineffectual? Does the TPP offer a credible model for a future region-wide free trade agreement in Asia? Is the TTIP the first step toward global-level regulatory standards in trade and investment?

Speakers

Gianpaolo Bruno, Director, Strategic Planning, Economic Research, Overseas, Italian Trade Agency (Italy)

Andrea Renda, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels, and Head, Global Outlook, Institute of International Affairs (Belgium/Italy)

Lia Valls, Senior Researcher, Getulio Vargas Foundation (Brazil)

Moderator **Marta Dassù**, Deputy Minister, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Italy)

12:45 – 2:00 p.m. *Lunch*

2:00 – 3:30 p.m. *Session Three*

TRANSFORMATION IN THE ARAB WORLD: THE ROLE OF REGIONAL AND GLOBAL INSTITUTIONS

Guiding Questions: Where are the main flashpoints, and how can regional and global institutions deliver effective responses? What are the prospects for promoting regional cooperation through the Arab League? How can regional or global institutions ensure that legal frameworks are put in place to uphold human rights in emerging Arab democracies? What role should regional and global institutions play in the crisis in Syria?

Speakers **Francesc Badia i Dalmases**, General Manager and Senior Fellow, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (Spain)

Nathalie Tocci, Deputy Director, Institute of International Affairs (Italy)

Hassan Abouyoub, Ambassador of Morocco to Italy (Morocco)

Moderator **Charles Powell**, Director, EU Crisis, Mediterranean Politics, Elcano Royal Institute (Spain)

3:30 – 3:45 p.m. *Coffee Break*

3:45 – 5:15 p.m. *Session Four*

THE BRICS: WHAT CONTRIBUTION DO THEY GIVE TO GLOBAL GOVERNANCE?

Guiding Questions: What are the strategic priorities of the BRICS in addressing global challenges? On what issues are they united, and where can we expect divergent interest and views? In what areas is there scope for effective cooperation and leadership and where could there be friction? What are the key challenges to the BRICS' economic, political, and security relationships with Europe and the United States?

Speakers **Giovanni Grevi**, Director, Foundation for International Relations and Foreign Dialogue (Spain)

Zhang Haibing, Executive Director, Institute for Economic Comparative Studies, Shanghai Institutes for International Studies (China)

Catherine Grant-Makokera, Head, Economic Diplomacy Programme, South African Institute of International Affairs (South Africa)

Moderator **Domenico Lombardi**, Director, Global Economy Program, Centre for International Governance Innovation (Canada)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. *Welcome Coffee*

9:00 – 10:00 a.m. Keynote Speech
THE EXIT FROM THE EURO CRISIS: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES OF THE BANKING UNION

Ignazio Visco, Governor, Bank of Italy

Q&A

Moderator **Stefano Silvestri**, Scientific Advisor, Institute of International Affairs (Italy)

10:00 – 11:30 a.m. Session Five
THE GEOPOLITICS OF ENERGY: THE EUROPEAN CASE

Guiding Questions: What are the primary objectives of the EU's energy security policy? How are changes in the global energy dimension—the shale gas revolution, growing competition for resources, political revolutions in and problems with supply countries—affecting the EU? Is the EU-Russia energy relationship becoming more or less balanced? Is Europe successfully meeting its climate change goals with renewable energy?

Speakers **Paolo Andrea Colombo**, Chairman, Enel (Italy)
Bola Akinterinwa, Director-General, Nigerian Institute of International Affairs (Nigeria)
Thomas Gomart, Vice President for Strategic Development and Director of the Russia/NIS Centre, French Institute of International Relations (France)

Moderator **James M. Lindsay**, Senior Vice President, Director of Studies, and Maurice R. Greenberg Chair, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)

11:30 – 11:45 a.m. *Coffee Break*

11:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. Session Six
THE FUTURE OF THE GROUP OF TWENTY

Guiding Questions: What structural changes should the G20 undertake to increase legitimacy and effectiveness as a global decision-making body?

Should the G20 expand its remit beyond finance to tackle deadlocks on pressing global challenges? On what issues should the G20 cooperate with the UN and non-G20 members?

- Speakers* **Michael Fullilove**, Executive Director, Lowy Institute for International Policy (Australia)
Sergey Kulik, Director, Institute of Contemporary Development (Russia)
Mehmud Karakullukçu, Vice Chairman and President, Global Relations Forum (Turkey)
Andrés Rozental, Founding President, Mexican Council on Foreign Relations (Mexico)
- Moderator* **Stewart M. Patrick**, Senior Fellow and Director, International Institutions and Global Governance Program, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)
- 1:15 – 1:30 p.m.* Keynote Speech
- Emma Bonino**, Minister, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Italy)
- 1:30 – 1:45 p.m.* **CLOSING REMARKS**
- Stefano Silvestri**, Scientific Advisor, Institute of International Affairs (Italy)
James M. Lindsay, Senior Vice President, Director of Studies, and Maurice R. Greenberg Chair, Council on Foreign Relations (United States)
- 1:45 – 2:30 p.m.* *Buffet Lunch*